

It will take several weeks to recover and meanwhile the essential users of coal will be protected.

No alteration in the request of the Post Administration for conservation is contemplated. It is probable, however, that urgent requests for coal will meet with a more ready response from the distributing committee for two reasons. First, it will not be necessary to hold back such a large reserve in storage and, second, it will be necessary to dump and release hundreds of the cars now held in storage on the railroads of the country so that the mines which open up can have a plentiful supply of empties to encourage and hasten production.

### EXPECTS MINERS TO GO BACK ON FRIDAY

#### Illinois Operators' Head Sure of a Settlement.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The proposal presented to John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, by President Wilson and Attorney-General Palmer in Washington last night indicated a 14 per cent. wage advance to miners and the appointment of a commission to study wages, profits and all conditions surrounding the industry upon resumption of work by the striking miners, according to private advice from the national capital received by Dr. F. C. Honnold, secretary of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association, today.

Dr. Honnold declared that his information indicated that the strike would be ended by Tuesday or Wednesday, and that the miners would be back at work not later than Friday, at least in Illinois.

The terms of the proposal as interpreted by Dr. Honnold from the advice he received indicated that they were similar to the plan previously put forward by Dr. Harry A. Garfield, the Fuel Administrator, and that they contained certain details of settlement that would not be made public until after consideration of them by the miners' executive board in Indianapolis on Tuesday.

"It now seems certain that the strike will be settled this week and that the miners in Illinois at least, will be back at work not later than Friday," Dr. Honnold said to-night. "My advice today disclosed nothing about the settlement plan to lead me to believe that there was anything more than the Garfield plan. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Tumulty have worked out certain details they do not want made public until after the Indianapolis conference."

The mines generally are expected to resume operations, and I am confident every mine superintendent in Illinois knows of the settlement proposal and all are ready to blow the mine whistles louder than ever to let the public know the plan has been given to the miners.

"Now, that a settlement is expected to go through this week, operators tomorrow will ask the Railroad Administration to provide for an adequate supply of cars. Cars must be had and steps to that end must be taken immediately."

### PENNA. MINE CHIEF TELLS PEACE BASIS

#### Predicts Two Year Scale With 20 Per Cent. Increase.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 7.—Before leaving here today for Indianapolis to attend the conference of the officials of the United Mine Workers of America on Tuesday, John Brophy, district president of the organization, issued this statement:

"There is not much prospect of an immediate change in the situation, but among both miners and operators there is a distinct feeling that an early settlement of the strike is probable. On the basis that the Garfield average shall be accepted merely as a temporary basis of pay and that a two year scale to be made almost immediately will be possible, the increase which the operators said they were willing to accept in the Washington conference."

"Central Pennsylvania operators meet again in Philadelphia on Tuesday. No detailed scale based on the Garfield average advance has been posted because in this field there are many variations from the central competitive fields generally, and other wide variations between sections of this field."

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#### Roads Failed to Stock Up in Summer as Usual and Now Confiscate Coal.

COERCION PLAN FAILED

Head of Detroit Power Company Says Crisis Was Foreseen April 1.

### IMPERATOR IGNORED COAL RULE, IS CHARGE

#### Liner Said to Have 3,500 Tons Too Much in Bankers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Charges that the liner *Imperator*, now being operated by the Cunard Line, had taken aboard more coal than permitted under the bunkering regulations are being investigated by the Railroad Administration. The specific charge is that the *Imperator* took aboard some 6,000 tons of coal, whereas under the regulations the liner was not permitted to place in her bunkers more than 2,500 tons, merely enough to take her to Halifax.

J. W. Howe of the Tidewater Coal Exchange of New York after conferring with Railroad Administration officials here in connection with the charges returned to New York to-day to obtain requested information.

Officers of the Cunard Line said while negotiations for the delivery of the *Imperator* to their company were going on they had obtained a sufficient amount of coal to take the vessel to England. The assignment of the *Imperator* to the Cunard Line was announced on September 19, and the coal was purchased at once, according to the British steamship men. In the top of the American authorities the coal remained the property of the company, though it was not loaded until after the formal transfer.

### ECONOMY ORDERS STAND, SAYS NIXON

#### Strike Settlement Will Not Avert Temporary Shortage.

Despite reports from Washington that operators and miners were likely to agree shortly on terms for settlement of the coal strike, no changes were announced yesterday in the plans for fuel economy already adopted here. Public Service Commissioner Lewis Nixon said he had received no advice indicating that the end of the industrial struggle was in sight and would make no change in the arrangement for a suspension of the car heating order until he was officially informed of an agreement between miners and operators.

He pointed out also that even if the men were ordered back to work by their leaders early this week it would be some time before full production was reached on account of the unavoidable disorganization which follows a suspension. This fact, he said, might make economy here necessary for a while.

Neither shipping nor railroad men here had received any modification of the regulations for the bunkering of ocean steamships, the reduction of railroad schedules. The latter, involving the elimination of a number of fast passenger trains, a reduction in freight service and the discontinuance of additional sections of other passenger trains, will take effect at midnight to-morrow unless an order of suspension is received from Washington in the meantime.

### NITRO SELLS FOR \$8,551,000.

#### W. Va. Town and Explosives Plant Cost U. S. \$75,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The sale of the explosives plant at Nitro, W. Va., to the Charleston (W. Va.) Industrial Corporation for \$8,551,000, was announced to-day by the War Department. Of the recently submitted informal bids for the plant and other facilities at Nitro that the Charleston Corporation was the highest.

The plant and town cost the Government approximately \$75,000,000.

### FARRINGTON GIVES BAIL

#### Miners' Leader Under Arrest for Contempt of Court.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 7.—After obtaining a writ of habeas corpus from United States District Judge Fitzhugh Blodgett, Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois miners, who was arrested last night on a charge of contempt of court, gave bond to-day for \$10,000. Farrington was arrested on information filed in the Federal District Court at Indianapolis charging him with violation of the injunction issued by Judge A. B. Anderson and with criminal contempt of court.

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#### Weeks have resulted in Belgium obtaining French and British consent to such a treaty. Belgium's statesmen centred all of their policy during the last year on this matter.

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The treaty of 1939 having been destroyed, the league, it was found, could not for the present even temporarily replace it, and as the *Echo de Paris* remarks this morning: "Belgian diplomacy had no great difficulty in demonstrating that in the fact of such a league Belgium needed an indispensable guarantee. On such a tottering scaffold as the league there is no longer even a dog who would risk his skin."

French commentators are inclined to see a certain danger in the existence of an altogether neutral regime in Belgium, recalling the role of a group of notorious Belgian nationalists at the time of the German invasion. The obstacles created by this group of the French troops some heavy casualties. The French say that they proposed that Belgium enter an economic and military alliance, and that the British objected. This latest alliance is considered the most crushing blow to the league since the publication of the Anglo-Persian agreement.

### CALLS FOR FAIR PLAY BY AMERICAN PEOPLE

#### Eugene Brioux Writes Caustically to Mythical Friend.

By a Staff Correspondent of THE SUN.

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PARIS, Dec. 7.—Eugene Brioux, the noted Academician who appears to have an important role in the French scheme of things as a "conciliator" of conflicting viewpoints between the Americans and French, addresses an open letter to-day to "a friend in America," in which he uses some plain language about France's feeling over the European situation as created by President Wilson.

M. Brioux begins by saying that the Americans have a reputation analogous to that of the French for frankness and fair play, but that in the treaty question American has assumed the attitude of one who does not play fair. He writes to his "American friend":

"Your President came to France fortified by a prestige which he owed to the courage of your soldiers and to the generosity of your nation. You know with what enthusiasm he was received, not because he was Mr. Wilson, but because, he represented America. I cannot insist too much that to us he was America itself."

"At the peace table he asked us to make heavy concessions. We tried to make him understand that he was wrong but he insisted. Could we refuse anything to America? We would not. America and France were partners in the same game. You said to us: 'Renounce this and we will give you that.' We finished by saying 'Yes.'"

"Our concessions became things of fact. We acquitted ourselves of our obligations. But to-day do you know what you are doing? You are refusing to acquit yourself of your obligations. You are chicaning and quibbling over the execution of a treaty which we have executed in large measure already. If we acceded to your desires it was because you made it a condition of your acceptance. To-day you say: 'It wasn't America who spoke then; it was Mr. Wilson, and his word. In order to have value, must be ratified by the Senate. You Frenchmen took his word seriously. It is your fault.'"

"Are you Americans, now that we have been dupes of these promises, are you going to perpetuate the state of trouble in the world and punish us because of our confidence in you? Recognize this, that our error in having thought that Mr. Wilson spoke for America was excusable. It was the first time that one of your Presidents ever came to Europe. You permitted him to come and we had the right to assume that he had your word in his hand and that he was authorized to say to us: 'I speak for America, and I alone.'"

"Gentlemen, play fair!"

### BERLIN SAYS BRITISH VIOLATED ARMISTICE

#### Charge Effort to Impress Prisoners Into Polish Legion.

BERLIN, Dec. 6 (delayed).—Vigorous representations have been made by the German Government to the International Naval Commission relative to an alleged violation of the armistice terms and an invasion of German sovereignty at Kiel by the British steamship *St. Helena*, carrying German prisoners.

The incident, which is described as "extraordinary" in a semi-official statement issued to-day, occurred along the Kiel Canal. Word was received by the German Baltic station that a German had escaped from the steamship while she was anchored at the Holtenau docks and that he had been pursued and fired upon by the British. German troops were at once ordered to occupy the docks and Kiel police boarded the *St. Helena* to inquire as to the cause of the incident.

They are alleged to have found there about 700 Germans who claimed they were being held on board and believed they were being taken to Danzig for forcible enlistment in the Polish Legion. They asserted they had been selected from prison camps in England because of their Polish names and that many had joined the legion under British pressure.

It was pointed out that the vessel was in German territorial waters and that therefore the men were no longer prisoners, and thereupon the British commander of the naval escort and the captain of the *St. Helena* liberated, under protest, 600 men who did not wish to remain on board. From 50 to 100 Germans are said to have remained on board the ship, which proceeded to Danzig.

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Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

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LONDON, Dec. 7.—The *Pall Mall Gazette*, commenting on the diplomatic situation that has been brought about by the German attitude toward the allied notes, points out that Germany always is tripping herself over what she herself once styled "those idiotic Yankees."

"It was because the Germans did not think America could be goaded into war that she launched her programme of indiscriminate murder," says the *Pall Mall Gazette*. "Now she is trying to break the peace treaty under a similar delusion that the United States has not taken further interest in making secure what civilization gained in its victory over Germany."

Says J. L. Garvin on the same subject in the *Sunday Observer*: "If this hope actually influenced or inspired her official policy, then Germany has been guilty of a most disastrous blunder. Germany's miscalculation of British opinion in the early days of the war and her miscalculation of the moral effect of unrestricted submarine warfare upon American temper are matched by this latest miscalculation of the facts."

"Whatever views Americans may hold against the treaty, none regrets the part they played in the victory. However, the unfavorable American may view the role which the representatives of their country."

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Here is a sale out of a clear sky! Two weeks ago we little dreamed that we'd be able to gather 1000 Ulster-type Overcoats to sell at any price.

Usually the hardest kind of an Ulster to get is the dressy Ulster—the coat that's a compromise between the storm garment and the town garment. Yet that is what we have been fortunate enough to lay hands on in this sale.

The materials are those difficult-to-define Heathers in Grays, Greens and Browns. Some have plaid backs, some are satin lined and all have the new feature (mark this) of the three-pieced belt which can be used to girdle the body entirely or to serve as a back-belt. The sizes are from 34 to 42. In all truth, gentlemen, this is the most unusual sale that we have held in many months. We commend it to your attention this morning.

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